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Hello my name is TeJay Harvey. I have been part of the Department of Corrections now for approximately 16 months, and for 16 months I have been hearing about how the Legislature has been ordering the Director to stop all construction, and to cease the closure of the Nevada State Prison. During this time the Director has built a new 600 bed facility in Southern Nevada and started construction on a new License plate Factory at NNCC. He also has closed another unit at NSP, our newest unit in fact, unit 13. In addition he has allowed the parting out of unit 8, a unit recently scheduled to re open with the use of 3 of 4 wings, containing 72 beds, and now is most likely beyond repair. My concern is unit 13 is going to end up like the unfortunate units 5 and 8, shut down and allowed to fall into disrepair. Once this happens just like units 5 and 8 the Director will rationalize that it is too expensive to get these old units up and running again. Before I get too off track my main question has to do with consequences. As I understand it simple guide lines have been set for Mr. Skolnik to follow. Stop construction and stop closing NSP. The Director has obviously disregarded these orders and continued to spend money on construction and continued to run down Nevada State Prison. With the recent announcement of Mr. Skolnik's decision to close NSP, my question for you is, what happens if you order Mr. Skolnik to cease the closure of NSP, and he seems to think he is above your authority and does it anyway? Or the Governor issues an executive order? If they get the facility closed it will be very difficult to re open. ~~When I was young and disobeyed my parent's orders, I had consequences.~~ What are the consequences for Mr. Skolnik who continues to disobey orders, yours and the Legislature's?

Also briefly I would like to touch on two other subjects, ~~the safety of NSP and the recent comment by Governor Gibbons stating it costs 4 to 6 thousand dollars more per inmate housed at NSP.~~

First safety, Gibbons keeps purporting how unsafe our facility is yet we are scheduled to begin shutting down towers to cover furloughs. NSP is in actuality probably the most secure and safe institution in the state. We control our inmate movement and have many towers and posts monitoring officer and inmate safety. If we are so concerned about how unsafe NSP is why are we shutting down the last defense to the safety of the community we are trying to protect?

Secondly, concerning the recent comment made by Gov. Gibbons stating that it costs 4 to 6 thousand dollars more per year to house an inmate at NSP. It may be stating the obvious but the less offenders housed at NSP, the more it's going to cost to house them. It will make the prison look less ~~and less~~ efficient, the more we transfer out inmates, and the other facilities will look more ~~and more~~ efficient, the more inmates they house. So the Governor says it costs 4 to 6 thousand more to house an inmate per year at NSP. Well of course it does. We are being ran in an inefficient manner. We currently have 866 beds available as of today. Yet we continually house only between 650 to 700 inmates. I keep hearing the term "It's a numbers game". Well apparently it is. By taking our inmates away from NSP and shutting down more and more units so that we can house less and less inmates it is going to make us appear to be a less efficient prison. It doesn't have to be that way. Everyone keeps telling me there's an agenda to move as much of the Department of Corrections down south as possible, well if there is I don't know, but from a fiscal standpoint why are the powers that be trying so hard to shut down a prison that is fully functioning, completely paid for, and has plenty of room to expand in the future if need be.

Thank you for your time.